

Building South Dakota's Healthcare Workforce

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DENTISTS

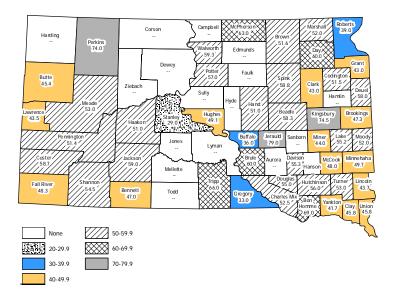
Growing concerns regarding the critical shortage of healthcare professionals in the State has prompted the creation of the South Dakota Healthcare Workforce Initiative. This initiative is a joint effort between the Departments of Education, Health and Labor, as well as the South Dakota Board of Regents. The purpose of this inter-agency project is to ensure a competent and qualified healthcare workforce that meets the needs of all South Dakotans.

According to the South Dakota Department of Labor, there is a projected increase of 25.4 percent in the number of healthcare workers needed between the years of 2006 and 2016. healthcare facilities face this increased need in providers, they are also looking at a shrinking pool of potential replacements. In South Dakota, between 2010 and 2025, the percentage of potential workers (ages 15-64) is projected to decrease by 4.4 percent. According to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, the number of high school graduates will decrease by 16.5 percent between 2001/02 and 2017/18. While the number of youth in South Dakota slowly decreases, the percentage of those of retirement age (age 64 and up) increases drastically. The South Dakota State Data Center indicates an increase of 58 percent among those of retirement age.

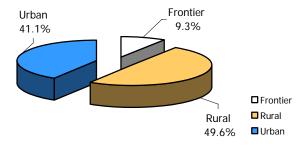
The information presented below has been compiled by the South Dakota Department of Health. This fact sheet includes information pertaining to workforce issues for dentists. For more information contact the Department of Health at 605.773.3361.

DEMOGRAPHICS

There are currently 389 practicing dentists in South Dakota, as of January 14th, 2008, ranging from the age of 26 to 84 years old. The map below depicts the average age by county in which dentists practice¹.



Just over 41 percent of practicing dentists in South Dakota currently practice in an urban community, while only 9.3 percent of dentists practice in frontier communities¹.



The majority, 87.9 percent, of dentists are male while 12.1 percent are female. The average age of dentists in South Dakota is 50. Over half, 66.3 percent, of dentists are aged 46 and over¹.



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PROJECTED WORKER NEED

The South Dakota Department of Labor projects an increase of 18.2 percent in the number of dentists needed between the years 2006 and 2016².

PERCENT OF VACANCIES AND TURNOVERS

A vacancy is defined as a budgeted position not currently filled, while a turnover is defined as the number of employees who left a facility during the fiscal year. Listed below, are the percent of vacancies and turnovers for full-time dentists by year, which were obtained from the Health Care Professional Workforce surveys³. Please note dental offices were not surveyed until 2007.

Year	Percent of Vacancies	Percent of Turnovers		
2003	*	*		
2004	*	*		
2005	*	*		
2006	*	*		
2007	3.6	2.2		

^{*}Dentist data was not collected.

EDUCATION

South Dakota does not have a dental school however, Pre-Dental programs are offered at these schools. Augustana College in Sioux Falls, Black Hills State University in Spearfish, Dakota State University in Madison, Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology in Rapid City, South Dakota State University in Brookings, University of Sioux Falls in Sioux Falls, and University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

HEALTHCARE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

The Office of Rural Health administers a variety of programs to assist communities in recruiting health care professionals. Dentists are eligible to participate in the Dentist Tuition Reimbursement Program, National Health Service Corps, and State Loan Repayment Program. For more information on this program, please visit

doh.sd.gov/ruralhealth/recruit.aspx.

LICENSURE

Dentists are licensed through the South Dakota Board of Dentistry.

LINKS OF INTEREST

- Health Occupations for Today and Tomorrow (HOTT) www.sdjobs.org/sdhott
- Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH) www.bls.gov/oco
- O*Net Link
 http://online.onetcenter.org/link/summary/29-1021.00
- South Dakota Board of Dentistry www.sdboardofdentistry.com
- South Dakota Dental Association www.sddental.org
- South Dakota Department of Labor www.sdjobs.org
- South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Rural Health/Recruitment doh.sd.gov/ruralhealth/recruit.aspx
- South Dakota Healthcare Workforce Center doh.sd.gov/ruralhealth/workforce
- American Dental Association www.ada.org
- U.S. Department of Labor www.bls.gov

FOOTNOTES

1 South Dakota Board of Dentistry

² Labor Market Information Center, SD Department of Labor, August 2008

³ South Dakota Department of Health.

Only Dentists practicing in South Dakota included above.

Dentists shown by county in which they practice.

Does not include inactive or not-practicing dentists in South Dakota.

Does not include dentists with missing information.

Vacancy numbers are as of January 31st for the respective year.

Percent of Turnover is defined as turnover for the facility's fiscal year divided by current total budgeted positions.

Percent of Vacancies is defined as current total budgeted vacancies divided by current total budgeted positions.

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SD County	Count	Average Age	SD County	Count	Average Age
Aurora	-	-	Hyde	-	-
Beadle	7	58.3	Jackson	1	59.0
Bennett	1	47.0	Jerauld	1	79.0
Bon Homme	3	69.0	Jones	-	-
Brookings	12	47.3	Kingsbury	2	74.5
Brown	19	51.6	Lake	5	55.2
Brule	1	60.0	Lawrence	14	43.5
Buffalo	1	36.0	Lincoln	32	43.7
Butte	5	45.4	Lyman	ı	-
Campbell	1	-	Marshall	1	52.0
Charles Mix	4	52.5	McCook	1	48.0
Clark	2	43.0	McPherson	1	63.0
Clay	6	45.8	Meade	5	53.0
Codington	23	51.5	Mellette	•	-
Corson	1	-	Miner	2	44.0
Custer	3	58.7	Minnehaha	81	49.7
Davison	12	55.3	Moody	3	52.0
Day	2	60.0	Pennington	79	51.4
Deuel	1	58.0	Perkins	1	74.0
Dewey	-	-	Potter	1	57.0
Douglas	1	55.0	Roberts	2	39.0
Edmunds	-	-	Sanborn	-	-
Fall River	4	48.3	Shannon	2	54.5
Faulk	-	-	Spink	4	58.8
Grant	2	43.0	Stanley	1	29.0
Gregory	1	33.0	Sully	-	-
Haakon	1	51.0	Todd	-	-
Hamlin	-	-	Tripp	2	66.0
Hand	1	51.0	Turner	1	53.0
Hanson	-	-	Union	5	45.8
Harding	-	-	Walworth	3	59.3
Hughes	12	49.1	Yankton	12	41.7
Hutchinson	3	56.0	Ziebach	-	-

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